Re: H.B. No. 6949

Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH
Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee. My name is Vidhya Ponnurangam and I am a mother to my precious one and only child severely affected by autism. I am writing testimony against HB 6949.

Let me give a brief history. My daughter is 8 years old now. She is unable to talk and unable to understand anything when people talk to her. Have been on intensive therapies for over 5 years to no avail.

Have been seeking help from the medical community with all these hassling referrals being required to see a specialist. (for example a neurologist). The insurance denies to pay for genetic testing. I want to get answers through tests like EEG and other advanced medical testing through a neurologist to find out why my daughter doesn't understand simple sentences that are spoken to her.

When the medical needs of my child is not met, I strongly refuse to further vaccinate my child with the second round of shots. My child has brain damage and I need medical help, not more vaccinations.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS ON THIS BILL:

If my child is being denied public education at schools due to religious exemption, then services needs to be provided at home for my child at the expense of the school district.

Thank you.